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SUBJECT: SUPPORT FOR TOW MISSILE SYSTEM

REF: DA MESSAGE DTG 281625Z JAN 75

EXPATRIATE (BRITISH) DG OF DEFENSE ADMINISTRATION IN OMANI
MINDEFENSE, BRIG. R.F. SEMPLE, HANDCARRIED TO AMBASSADOR JAN. 29
LETTER OF SAME DATE, MARKED SECRET, IN WHICH OMANI DEFENSE
MINISTRY REQUESTS CERTAIN INFORMATION AND ACTION RELATIVE TO
FOLLOW-ON SUPPORT OF TOW SYSTEM. WE TOLD SEMPLE IT IS OBVIOUS
FROM MESSAGE JUST RECEIVED HERE FROM DA (REFTEL) THAT THIS
ENTIRE QUESTION IS UNDER PRIORITY CONSIDERATION BY US ARMY,
AND PROMISED TO CABLE TEXT OF HIS LETTER FOR APPROPRIATE
STUDY AND RESPONSE. TEXT FOLLOWS.

QTE 1. THE PACKAGE RECENTLY RECEIVED INCLUDED ONLY MINIMAL
SPARES BACKING, NO TEST EQUIPMENT AND NO MAINTENANCE MANUALS.
IF WE ARE TO KEEP THE EQUIPMENT OPERATIONAL IT IS ESSENTIAL
THAT WE PROCURE THE FOLLOWING AS A MATTER OF URGENCY.

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A. TOW LAUNCHERS

- (1) SPARES SCALING FOR TEN LAUNCHERS AS RECOMMENDED BY THE US ARMY.
- (2) FIELD REPAIR TEST EQUIPMENTS TO SUPPORT THE LAUNCHERS ASSUMING THAT THEY ARE DEPLOYED TO AT LEAST TWO SEPARATE LOCATIONS.
- (3) FOUR MAINTENANCE MANUALS.
- (4) TWENTY BATTERIES.

B. TOW TRAINERS

- (1) SPARES SCALING FOR TWO TRAINERS AS RECOMMENDED BY THE US ARMY.
- (2) TWO MAINTENANCE MANUALS.

2. DEPENDING ON THE ADEQUACY OF THE MAINTENANCE MANUALS AND US ARMY RECOMMENDATIONS IT MAY BE NECESSARY:

A. TO ASK FOR TECHNICAL COURSES FOR TWO AIRWORK TECHNICIANS IN ORDER THAT FIELD REPAIRS CAN BE MADE IN OMAN.

B. NEGOTIATE A REPAIR CONTRACT FOR BASE REPAIRS TO BE CARRIED OUT IN THE US.

3. TRAINING

THE TOW LAUNCHER IS A SOPHISTICATED PIECE OF EQUIPMENT AND WHILE IT IS EXPECTED THAT THE OMANI SOLDIERS WILL EXPERIENCE NO DIFFICULTIES WITH THE BASIC GUN DRILLS AND FIRING PROCEDURES, THE ROUTINE MAINTENANCE AND ZEROING PROCEDURES WILL PRESENT PROBLEMS. THE US ARMY TRAINING TEAM HAS ALREADY RECOMMENDED THAT AN EXPERIENCED EXPATRIATE INSTRUCTOR FROM SAFTR IS TRAINED IN THE UNITED STATES. THIS RECOMMENDATION IS SUPPORTED.

4. CAN THE FOLLOWING ACTION NOW BE TAKEN:

A. MEET OUR REQUIREMENTS IN PARAS 1 A AND 1 B AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AND NOTIFY US SOONEST OF LIKELY COSTS.

B. GIVE US AN ESTIMATE OF THE COSTS OF MEETING OUR LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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REQUIREMENTS STATED IN PARAS 2 AND 3. AN INDICATION OF THE LENGTH OF COURSES REQUIRED WOULD BE VALUABLE.
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